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Attn: Theresa Marson
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the Day Break Rotary Club for assistance.

The Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society (CVTRS) is a non-profit organization that has been providing therapeutic equestrian activities to people with physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges throughout the Comox Valley and Campbell River since 1987.

CVTRS currently has 110 participants. In addition to our mainstream program, the Society has combined forces with the Vancouver Island Child & Youth Mental Health as well as Aboriginal Child & Youth Mental Health to create the "Stable Program". The goals and objectives of this program are to address low self-esteem, Attention Deficit Disorder, low frustration tolerance, difficulty managing emotions, hyperactivity, limited social skills and anxiety. The Stable Program is the first of its kind in Western Canada.

CVTRS currently has ten therapy horses. They have specifically been chosen for their kind and gentle temperaments best suited to therapeutic riding activities. Riding a horse gives something very powerful to a person with disabilities or emotional challenges. The feeling of achievement that comes from riding and manoeuvring a 1,100-pound horse is strong medicine. It turns defeat into victory and self-doubt into self-confidence. They are the true therapists in our program.

The cost of providing the necessary care for our therapy horses has increased tremendously. Over the course of the year, the cost of feed, shavings, horseshoes, standard veterinary care, cold weather blankets and other expenses for our herd add up to over \$1,200 per horse.

For this reason, we are asking if you would consider providing sponsorship for one horse for one year. We would welcome any financial assistance that you can provide. In return, you will receive a framed photo of your horse, your name engraved on a plaque and placed on the stable door, personalized periodic updates on your horse, a charitable tax receipt (if appropriate), as well as recognition in CVTRS publications.

Should you require any additional information, I would be happy to arrange a personal presentation, or if you would prefer a tour of our facility, please drop by at any time.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Margaret Hind
Program Director



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